

ABSTRACT

A runway lighting fixture of the type normally permanently installed at an aircraft installation such as an airport to provide visible light signals to an aircraft, the fixture having an internal, non-visible light source such as an infrared lamp capable of being activated to provide a non-visible light signal to an aircraft specially equipped to see such non-visible signals. An airport normally having arrays of permanent visibly-lighted fixtures can be equipped for long-term or permanent covert operations capability by installing covert, non-visibly-lighted fixtures in place of visibly-lighted fixtures. In a preferred form the covert fixtures are capable of being both visibly and non-visibly lighted to allow normal appearing non-covert operations at the airport, and unobtrusive covert operations whenever needed.